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Dear Manufacturers and Importers:

Have you heard that we will have a new national flammability standard for mattresses? On February 16, 2006, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), a federal agency, adopted new regulations beginning at 16 CFR part 1633, that require mattresses, mattress sets, and futons manufactured on or after July 1, 2007, to resist ignition to an open flame source such as a candle, match or cigarette lighter.

Although the federal regulation test requirements are similar to California's Technical Bulletin 603, the federal regulations place additional responsibilities on manufacturers and importers including, but not limited to, the following:

- Prototype testing of new product designs (section 1633.4);
- Detailed record keeping of all prototype tests including test records, component substitution invoices, photographs or video records of tests performed, and quality control documentation; (section 1633.11)
- Importers must maintain records at a location in the United States; (test and manufacturing records also must be in English-- section 1633.11)
- A flammability label that meets specified requirements on each mattress and box spring/foundation in addition to any law label requirements; (1633.12).

The Bureau is committed to providing licensees information about the law, education, and technical assistance for this new federal flammability standard. For detailed information regarding the new CPSC standard, please visit our Web Site at www.bhfti.ca.gov.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian J. Stiger'.

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